The Jere Bruner Research Grants in Politics encourage and support rigorous empirical research on political topics by Oberlin students. The grants are open to any student who has been enrolled at Oberlin College for at least two semesters and who intends to remain for at least one additional semester beyond the project.

Grants of up $2,000 (Summer/Fall 2015) may be made to offset research and associated living expenses.

The following are examples of allowable costs:

- Data collection expenses – associated with collecting or purchasing empirical data sets;
- Living expenses – incurred in the collection and analysis of empirical data;
- Travel expenses – incurred between Oberlin and the site of the collection and/or analysis;
- Other allowable expenses – are tuition and living expenses of obtaining additional training in statistics/data analysis over the summer.

Other Conditions

The collected and utilized data may be on any, not just American politics. Collaborative research projects (among students and between students and faculty members) are permissible, as long as students are collaborators, not research assistants. The purpose of the analysis may be scholarly or applied (e.g. to policy questions of interest to the community or the College).

Recipients will publicly present their research projects by means of an oral presentation such as a lecture or other appropriate means before the end of the spring semester.

Application Process

1. Consult with a member of the Politics Department ASAP to discuss the project. Develop your final proposal with the faculty member.

2. Submit one copy (on paper) of the proposal to Tracy Tucker, Administrative Assistant, Department of Politics, Rice 216, no later than 12:00 on Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

THE PROPOSAL MUST INCLUDE:

1. Your name and contact information
2. Statement of the research objective, needed data, and projected analysis routine (3 p. max.)
3. Statement of whether your research requires Institutional Review Board approval, and if so, when you intend to request IRB approval. If you are unsure, please talk to the sponsor of your project.
4. Statement of previous or current work you have undertaken on this project (1 page max.)
5. List of previous relevant courses (and respective grades)
6. A one page itemized budget
7. One letter from a Politics faculty member willing to sponsor your project.

A Politics Department faculty committee that reviews the applications and makes awards will notify each applicant regarding the decision taken on the applicant’s proposal.